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Memorandum

TO : Director of Training

DATE: 2 September 1965

FROM : Acting Chief, Language Training School

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report No. 25

A. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

None to report.

B. OTHER ACTIVITIES

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1. [REDACTED] from the [REDACTED] Training Office reported to [REDACTED] that last Friday a young woman came to her office to submit a request to enter one of the September Voluntary Language classes. When informed that the VLTP was being suspended for a year she expressed great disappointment and said that the possibility of receiving language training during off-duty hours was one of the inducements offered by the recruiting officer at the University of Georgia.

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[REDACTED] of the Office of Personnel about the incident. [REDACTED], who had not yet learned about the suspension of the VLTP, said that a meeting of Agency recruiters would take place late this week at Headquarters and that he would then instruct them accordingly.

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2. Various components of the Agency have indicated a need for people who can recognize Chinese characters without necessarily being able to speak or read Chinese. These include personnel working with Chinese map materials and Chinese personal names. [REDACTED] has taken the matter up with [REDACTED] our senior Chinese instructor, [who] feels that such a course would be workable and useful. At present it seems that a two-semester, part-time course would be ideal. The first semester of about 130 hours (22 weeks at 6 hours per week) would cover recognition of characters including simplified forms, use of Chinese-English dictionaries and the telecode book, and a limited amount of recognition of commonly used characters. A second semester

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could be offered covering the cursive forms of Chinese characters including the so-called "grass writing". Some lead-time will be needed to prepare the course but it could easily be done in time for the spring semester of 1966. If necessary the course could be started sooner with a minimum lead-time of about 60 days.

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3. [We] are running an extra session of the China Familiarization course this week since the number of prospective students could not be accommodated in the scheduled sessions. [redacted] is cooperating with [redacted] of SIC in the running of this course. regular

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4. The following programs have been started:
Basic Russian reading for one research staff/DDI employee; Basic Serbo-Croatian reading for one OCR employee; and Basic Russian (RSW) for one SR officer.

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5. [redacted], our chief Spanish instructor, is taking 6 weeks leave to have major dental work performed.

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